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ABE RUEF, PHILANTHROPIST.

Demand for the pardon of Abe Ruef, the arch grafter of San Francisco muss and mess, continues with increasing force. From various quarters it gains momentum, and such is the extent of the movement that what may have sounded preposterous six months ago, now begins to take on the air of probability.

Among those who are leading the effort is Charles Montgomery, for many years president of the California prison commission—not the board that controls the penitentiaries, but a purposeful organization which looks after the condition of men in prison and also after their welfare when they have been released. Montgomery is a man of wide influence in San Francisco. He has just written the "Call" a summary of his reasons for endeavoring to secure the release of Ruef. He says:

"I have known Abraham Ruef intimately for more than 20 years. There is no man in San Francisco who has helped me more generously and effectually in my work than Ruef. I watched Ruef closely whilst he was incarcerated in the county jail of San Francisco. His character was revealed to me as I had known it for many years, and as soon as he found the vicious and unsanitary conditions, he immediately set to work with great energy and determination to effect a change for good. He found many prisoners made ill by those unsanitary conditions. He undertook to care for them; he purchased groceries for them and other necessities of life; he purchased medicines for the sick in the county jail; he communicated with the families of prisoners through me. To my own personal knowledge he expended over \$7000 in helping helpless prisoners and their families. His work was done unostentatiously, and outside of the prisoners themselves I was perhaps the only one aware of his acts. He caused the release of many boys of whose innocence of criminal intent he was satisfied.

"The day he went to San Quentin I was the only man in the great crowd that assembled who had a kind word to say to him. I went with him to the gates of the prison. I heard that last sad 'good-bye' said to his aged parents, and with his heart racked and torn by emotion he was dragged away. I heard him request the sheriff to allow him to call upon his business agent, and the last thing he did in San Francisco was to give this agent a list of the six families which for some time he had been supporting. I have a copy of that list. Only one of the list is a member of his own race; thus showing his breadth of heart and mind. He told his agent to see that these people received their amounts every month."

Yet with all these good qualities of mind and heart, it was Abe Ruef who more than anybody else abused and debased San Francisco politics. That he has such qualities does not lessen his offenses. They only increase the mystery of humanity, that now and then boxes such seemingly contrary elements upon the same brain.

Abe Ruef reached for the soiled money of the tenderloin with one hand and scattered beneficence with the other. He squeezed \$200,000 out of Pat Calhoun, and turned and gave without stint to the poor. He was trained to high ideas and had ability almost without equal, yet he turned his back on the ideals and used his ability to develop new forms of graft. For which of these shall he be pardoned?

THE AMERICAN FLAG IN CANADA.

The sensational announcement that the American flag had been put under ban in Toronto, Canada, turns out to be not at all serious. The American flag has not been put under ban, and the complaint to that effect, made to frighten the timid and enrage the patriotic on this side of the line, originated with the makers of films for picture shows. The film-makers have been catering to patriotic sentiment in the United States by making the American flag a prominent figure in the pictorial melodramas they put forth.

To the authorities of Toronto some of the melodramas had an appearance of being efforts to propagate a sentiment in favor of annexation. They regarded the fervid American sentiment portrayed in the pictorial skits as offensive to the Canadian spirit of nationality. Therefore all the picture plays in which the display of the American flag was a feature were suppressed. It was a rather peevish expression of pique, but it was quite natural under the circumstances. Nobody is forbidden to display the American flag on appropriate occasions. The national standard of the United States is not under ban in Toronto or any other place in Canada.

Nor are we entirely sure that Americans would relish a continual display of the British flag in

picture plays appealing to British pride and patriotism. The controversies growing out of the recent election in Canada, which turned on the reciprocity issue, with which the annexation question became entangled, have not unnaturally made the Canadians somewhat sensitive.

Our own people have been equally sensitive in the past. Shortly after the Civil war the display of the British flag anywhere in the Northern States was calculated to provoke a riot. For years after the last war with England the sight of the British flag aroused the deepest indignation in Americans.

Happily that time has gone by. The ancient feeling of hostility to everything British has now passed, forever we hope. Canada will likewise get over the animosity against the United States which has been fanned into a flame by her demagogic politicians. It does not amount to anything, anyway, and will pass as other evanescent shades of sentiment flash and flare and die out.

PARTY SYMBOL SUGGESTION.

By their headdresses we shall know them soon. Orders have come from the heads of the new Chinese republic for all local Celestials who sympathize with the revolution to cut off their queues. In a few days we will be able to tell how many republicans there are in the local Chinatown by the simple process of counting the shorn pates that have been bared to the breezes in the interests of progress.

Election returns could be gotten at more quickly in this country if members of the different political parties could come to some sort of an understanding in the matter of coiffures or face adornments. The populists we know by their whiskers, but the members of other political faiths cannot be numbered with any degree of certainty until the returns from the last precincts are in.

It would simplify matters if the democrats and insurgents would agree upon some fitting style of whiskers. In states where the women vote, the ladies who belong to either of these parties could adopt some style of headdress that would be attractive and at the same time distinctive. It would be presumptuous to suggest any particular style of headdress or whisker-trimming to any party, but the appropriate fashion for the insurgent is obvious. He should wear the populist whiskers upon one side of the face, with a suggestion of the boatee and mustache affected by the Bourbon on the other.

If the political parties would follow the example set by the progressive Chinese, the anxious public will be able to get a line on the result of an election long before the ballots are counted. The clerks at the different election booths can count whiskers and have the full returns ready after the last voter has cast his ballot.

Of course, the plan would work a little hardship on those who wish to change their politics. Still those desiring to do so at the last moment could signify their intention by scraping off all political evidence from their faces and parting their hair in the middle. Those voting under these conditions would have to be classed as "doubtful." The populists have adopted the plan of signifying their political allegiance by their whiskers long ago. It may not be so difficult to get the other parties to blazon the symbols of their political affiliations upon their countenances.—San Francisco Post.

DESERVED TO DIE IN PRISON.

The attempt to fix responsibility for the death of John R. Walsh on the president and attorney general because of their refusal to consent to an earlier parole will rouse little sympathy.

Walsh was a thief. He stole the funds entrusted to a bank under his management and left a trail of financial wreckage in his wake. He ought to have been left in prison. He did not deserve even to die in his home surrounded by the members of his family.

If the maudlin nonsense to which his doctors and relatives now give expression has any effect in creating public sentiment it will be to direct the attention of the American people to the inequality of human justice. The common thief goes to prison and commonly serves a longer term for stealing a hundred dollars than Walsh was given for stealing millions. The Chicago banker was convicted on 50 of the 180 counts returned against him by the federal grand jury. His trial showed that he not only ruined the Chicago National bank, but also caused the failure of three other institutions closely related to it. He misappropriated \$3,000,000.

At no time after his criminality was discovered was he deserving of sympathy. The observations on the incidents of his parole ill become his kin and friends who have reason rather to be grateful that he was not kept in prison to meet death in the suit of infamy that marked him as a criminal. If the three Nevada bank wreckers had been sent to our state penitentiary for their dastardly crimes or now occupy the same cold bed that Walsh does, this world of ours would be better off without them.

A Boston man obtained a divorce on the ground that his wife neglected him for the game of solitaire. He asserts that he had to cook all the meals while she toiled over her cards. Solitaire is much more interesting than some husbands.

Short hair is the distinguishing feature of the Chinese revolutionists. Short shift will be their distinguishing feature if the imperial troops get hold of them.

Can Shields' testimony in the Lorimer investigation be said to have shielded the Hines Lumber company? In this connection it should be remembered there are two sides to all shields.

President Taft will extend his swing around the circle several thousand miles, making a record that will even beat that of Macaulay's famous New Zealander.

A police judge declares that a taxicab driver cannot charge a man fare for driving him to jail. That would be rubbing it in, wouldn't it?

GOVERNOR ORDERS REMOVAL OF PAPER

ZELLERBACH AND CROCKER
COMPANIES TOLD TO MOVE
OFF PROPERTY.

SACRAMENTO, Oct. 28.—Governor Johnson instructed the members of the state board of control yesterday to take steps immediately to cause the removal from the state warehouse of paper stored there by the Zellerbach Paper company and the H. S. Crocker company, which, it is claimed, was being foisted upon the state. This is the paper the contracts for which the board of control recently held up. It has a total value of about \$47,000. The board announces that it will take steps at once to carrying out the governor's order.

While the removal of the paper itself is of some note, it will also have a greater consequence in that it will probably mark the first step to bring the controversy between the paper companies and the state, over the payment of the contracts, to a head.

Thus far the paper companies have claimed that the paper was properly ordered by State Printer Shannon, and indicated that suit would be brought to make the state pay for it. As brought out at the recent investigation of the state printing office the board of control takes the view that the paper was not legally furnished, and on top of this Governor Johnson has announced that it would never be paid for by the state.

Just how the removal of the paper will be accomplished has not been announced, but more, than likely the board of control will notify the dealers to remove it. If this order is disregarded then physical means may be taken to rid the state storehouse of it.

CHOICE OF A WIFE.

Jerome Taylor very aptly summed up his opinion of the unwise choice of a wife in the following words: "A very fool is he that chooses for beauty principally. His eyes are witty, but his soul is sensual. It is an ill band of affection to tie two hearts together by a little thread of red and white."

These are indeed true sentiments, and the man is both unwise and unlucky who merely selects his wife because she is a pretty girl. Prettiness alone never yet made for happiness. The girl who can be a true friend, a devoted companion and a loving wife is worth a great deal more to her husband than "the little thread of red and white" which the old-time divine condemns.

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The company's principal place of business is at Pierre, South Dakota, and it may have a business office outside of said state, at the town of Goldfield, state of Nevada, and at such other places as the Board of Directors may appoint, at any of which named places or places so appointed an incorporators', directors' and stockholders' meetings may be held, the books of the company may be kept and corporate business may be transacted, and the incorporators and stockholders may vote by proxy. The domiciliary office of this company shall be at the office of the National Incorporating company in the City of Pierre, South Dakota.

Also for the ratification or rejection of the act of the stockholders of June 5, 1909, amending Article 1 of Section 2 of the by-laws so as to read as follows.

Section 2. The company may also have an office in the town of Goldfield, state of Nevada, and may also have offices in such other places as the board of directors may appoint.

A. H. HOWE, Secretary.
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